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1. The Chinese Communist decision to intervene in Korea was based primarily on the threat inherent in the presence of United Nations forces on the Manchurian border. It did not represent a reversal of policy.
- 25X1 CHOU En-lai's warnings were taken too lightly, and it became necessary for the Chinese Communists to show the British and Americans that Communist China's demands cannot be ignored. Neither the Soviets nor the Chinese intend at present to provoke a world war.

2. The resentment of the Chinese Communists of the invasion by the United Nations of Korea was accelerated by the crossing of the 38th Parallel. As United Nations troops approached the border the feeling of insecurity has also increased. The intervention in Korea is not an attempt on the part of the Chinese Communists to gain a seat in the United Nations.

- 25X1 3. the Chinese Communists would seriously consider a buffer zone to keep the hostile forces separated, provided such a zone is guaranteed by some neutral power or powers, by which he implied participation of the USSR at least.

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